

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ADHOC SUBCOMMITTEE

April 22, 2008  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Harry Higgins, Scottsdale, Acting Chairman	Wahid Alam, Mesa
Max Enterline for Tim Tilton, Phoenix	Thomas Ritz, Glendale
Jason Crampton for David de la Torre, Chandler	* Chad Daines, Peoria
John Verdugo for Matt Holm, Maricopa County	* Lisa Collins, Tempe

\*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

A- Participated via audio conference

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

A Greg Montes, Glendale	Jason Howard, MAG
Rita Walton, MAG	Jeff Romine, MAG
Heidi Pahl, MAG	Anubhav Bagley, MAG

1. Call to Order

Acting Chairman Harry Higgins called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Call to the Audience

There were no requests from the audience to address the MAG POPTAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

3. Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2008

It was moved by Jason Crampton, seconded by Wahid Alam and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes of January 22, 2008.

4. 2010 Participant Statistical Areas Program

Heidi Pahl said the 2010 Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP) provides an opportunity to revise Census geography including census tracts, and block groups. She said

MAG is coordinating the PSAP and will be serving as a liaison between member agencies and the Census Bureau.

Referring to page two of attachment one, Heidi Pahl reminded the members of the Subcommittee that the final criteria for the statistical areas were distributed at the March POPTAC meeting, and that at that meeting four wall size maps showing areas where block groups and census tracts may need to be split or combined were displayed.

Jason Howard informed the Subcommittee that MAG staff had conducted an analysis to identify Census tracts and block groups that crossed jurisdictional boundaries. Mr. Howard further said that Heidi Pahl would e-mail to POPTAC members a spreadsheet containing all census tracts and block groups, along with the population and housing units for 2000, 2005 and 2010 for member agencies to review along with final criteria, and split as necessary. He added that the spreadsheet also includes two other tabs for census tracts and block groups that cross jurisdictional boundaries. He said the purpose is to identify member agencies that will need to work with their neighbors on geographies that need to be split and cross jurisdictional boundaries. He explained the information on the spreadsheet in detail.

Heidi Pahl said MAG has prepared a draft outline of the roles and responsibilities of the various entities involved in PSAP. She referred members to Attachment One. Ms. Pahl explained that this information is in draft and would be brought back to Adhoc POPTAC and POPTAC next month. She reviewed the main responsibilities to the committee and asked for comments at the meeting or during the month.

Heidi Pahl added that MAG staff will be meeting in person with Census Bureau staff and the Chair of Adhoc POPTAC to discuss boundary and numbering changes, previously discussed at POPTAC, to ensure a consistent and uniform approach for the PSAP.

Max Enterline mentioned that Tim Tilton would like to ensure that the 2010 Census tract numbering be consistent with the 2000 Census tracts.

Harry Higgins inquired about the timeline for PSAP. Heidi Pahl reviewed the PSAP timeline included in the POPTAC agenda.

Greg Montes asked when the spreadsheet with the data would be sent to MAG Member Agencies. Rita Walton informed the Subcommittee that the spreadsheet was ready and could be sent out by the end of the day.

## 5. Census Bureau Population Estimates

Jeff Romine informed the Subcommittee that the U.S. Census Bureau produces annual state, county, and place estimates, released in December, March and June respectively. He said these estimates may be used within various federal programs to determine need and funding. Drawing attention to Attachment Two, Mr. Romine further elaborated that the Census Bureau estimates differ from the State of Arizona and MAG estimates.

Mr. Romine also discussed the proceedings and discussions from the April 4, 2008 Arizona Department of Commerce State POPTAC meeting. At this meeting the challenge process to

the Census estimates was discussed. No Census estimates challenges have originated in the State of Arizona. He said Utah has filed the most challenges that have been accepted by the Census Bureau.

Rita Walton added that if the State participates in the challenge process, MAG would be involved in the challenge process through the State POPTAC. However rather than being reactive and challenging the Census Bureau estimates only, it is necessary to be proactive and ensure the Census Bureau has the correct data to do their estimates. She referred members to Attachment Four, the new Census Bureau Form C-404 that reports privately-owned residential building or zoning permits issued.

She said MAG is taking steps to develop an awareness and understanding of the building permit data provided to the Census Bureau for these estimates, as well as to compare the data with those used for MAG population estimates. She said a Census Bureau building permits contact list has been created. She said the list is primarily residential completion contacts. She said MAG would like to have a copy of form C-404 when the member agency sends it to the Bureau.

Greg Montes asked if the Census estimates were used for the State shared revenue. Mr. Romine informed the Subcommittee that the State shared revenue is based on the 2005 Special Census Survey population numbers. Wahid Alam said that he liked the idea of a proactive process. He recommended that the State level challenge for the estimates should be explored further. Jeff Romine added that the MAG staff attending the State POPTAC have been recommending that the State take a leadership role in this aspect. The State is exploring if the Census Bureau will accept a statewide challenge.

Max Enterline said that City of Phoenix would like to see the correct number for population estimates. Greg Montes recommended this issue be further discussed at the next MAG Intergovernmental Representatives meeting. Harry Higgins inquired about the population numbers being utilized for the PSAP calculations. Rita Walton informed the Subcommittee that the spreadsheet being sent by MAG staff would include the population numbers from the 2000 Census, estimates for 2005 based in the Special Census Survey, and the projection for 2010 from the 2007 MAG Projections.

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 am.